

Sermon "A Weary World Rejoices" Jeff Harris

## SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Please tip your candle to receive the light.

Hymn *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

†Hymn *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

†Benediction Jeff Harris

Postlude *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* -Kerr

†*Please stand if you are able.*

**Tonight's offering will go to the Thermal Belt Habitat for Humanity Faith Build.** Offering plates are located near the exits, and you may contribute as you exit.

**Shepherd's Feast, December 25 from 1pm - 4pm.** This wonderful Christmas tradition will once again be at Polk County Middle School's cafeteria on Christmas Day from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and share a delicious Christmas dinner served family style complete with turkey and all the trimmings. Tell your friends and bring your neighbors. For more information, please contact Carlann Scherping at [cscherping@gmail.com](mailto:cscherping@gmail.com) or call 828-894-3253.

### Christmas Food Boxes Given in Honor or Memory 2019

Carroll & June Brady	In Honor of Robert & Margot Carter
Harold & Elizabeth Burrell	
Margie A. Collins	In Memory of my Mother
JT & Cathy Johnson	In Memory of Christopher Todd Johnson
The Justice Family	In Memory of Ned Covil, Herman & Erie Justice
Billy & Kim McFarland	In Memory of Mrs. Kris FitzSimmons
Billy & Kim McFarland	In Honor of Jeff & Jodi Harris and Children
Billy & Kim McFarland	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. William McFarland
Billy & Kim McFarland	In Memory of Johnny Shytle
Billy & Kim McFarland	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Vailon Shytle
Sisterhood	In Memory of Barbara Batchler
Alice Tennant	In Memory of Ryan Tennant
Alice Tennant	In Memory of Geoff Tennant
Frances Wray	In Memory of Joseph P. Wray

### CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor  
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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TRYON, NC



DECEMBER 24, 2019

FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

CHRISTMAS EVE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2019

Four O'clock

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene, Kelsey Lynch, Donis Schweizer, Leslie Raymond  
Please use this time for silent reflection.

Trinity Chime John Spinks

Opening Words Jeff Harris

Call to Worship Jeff Harris

In the midst of despair,  
God lights a candle of hope in our hearts.  
**By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the  
ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.** Psalm 65:5

In the midst of violence,  
God lights a candle of peace in our hearts.  
**By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.** Luke 1:78-79

In the midst of sorrow,  
God lights a candle of joy in our hearts.  
**Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.** Psalm 95:1  
In the midst of hatred,  
God lights a candle of love in our hearts.  
**But God proves his love for us  
in that while we still were sinners  
Christ died for us.** Romans 5:8

Voluntary *O Come, Redeemer of the Earth* -Lee

Invocation Lora Baker

†Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Lighting the Christ Candle Dan and Mona Kimble

In the midst of darkness,  
light comes into our hearts  
through a baby born in a manger!  
He is Emmanuel, Christ the Lord!  
Hear the word of the Lord:  
**For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** Isaiah 9:6  
The light shines and the darkness cannot put it out!

Choral Response *Emmanuel* McGEE  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

†Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Anthem *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* -Spiritual  
Ensemble: Jim Hawkins, Dan Kimble, Stephanie Mathis,  
Meri Lynch, Paula Edwards, Sarah Benedict, and Alex Tapp

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Luke 2:1-7 Meri Lynch  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

†Hymn *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
and with his blood mankind hath brought.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Luke 2:8-14 Addie Buss  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

†Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born o give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11 Don Batts  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Solo *O Holy Night* -Adam  
Kim McFarland

Extinguishing the Candles Jeff Harris

John 1:1-5, 14 Phil Scoggins  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Solo *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* -Spiritual  
Jim Hawkins